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Hudak comes home



Tim Hudak
Ontario can lead again

On Thursday, Ontario Progressive Conservative leader and Fort Erie native Tim Hudak visited the Douglas Memorial Hospital to provide comments on why he feels the Liberal government's Local Health Integration Network model of care is flawed. Hudak also told the media and those in attendance that Douglas Memorial's emergency room will re-open if he is elected as Ontario's next premier in the 2011 election. Read the whole story on page four.

New trash contract

Region approves
one-container
limit with every
week blue and grey
box pick-up

Kris Dubé
The Times

Trying to remember whether you need to bring your plastic or paper recyclables to the curb in the morning, will no longer be an issue for Niagara residents in March of next year.

Last Thursday, regional council approved entering into a seven-year contract with Emterra Environmental for garbage and recycling pick up across the region and a \$3.9 million per year savings is expected.

As part of a strategy to achieve an estimated 55 per cent waste diversion and provision of services, the first year of the contract has been priced at \$16,550,866 not including tax. Over seven years, the Niagara Region expects the total cost to be \$122,821,183.

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Mayor says weekly pick up will be easier for residents

From Page 1

Details of the contract, approved by the regional government in a lengthy meeting that went to the early hours of last Friday morning, include weekly garbage collection for the low density residential sector and other eligible properties with a one container or bag limit. If a household needs to dispose of multiple bags, fitting them into one container is considered appropriate. Grass clippings will no longer be picked up by the service, and homeowners will be expected to mulch them or take them on their own to the nearest landfill site.

Instead of alternating each week between paper and plastic pick-up, both will be picked up every seven days, along with the organic green bin.

An additional report is

expected to come back to regional council to focus on what young families can do to dispose of diapers, which isn't addressed in the report approved last week.

"Diapers are going to have to be treated differently than the rest of the garbage collection," said Fort Erie's regional councillor Shirley Conliffe at Monday's council meeting. Following the meeting, mayor Doug Martin, who is also a regional councillor, said he and many others had too many issues with a bi-weekly pick-up and is satisfied the new contract approved by the Region is the right decision.

"Every other week, I couldn't support that," said Martin.

From a household perspective, Martin feels a weekly pick-up will allow for residents to live more comfortably and not have to worry about a stockpile of garbage taking up space in their

homes, leading up to the two-week mark.

"It's going to be a lot easier for the homeowner to manage," said Martin. "I think this is going to be a better system all around," he added.

Ward 2 Councillor Rick Shular suggested to the regional councillor that something needs to be done about excess recyclables that happen to blow around the neighbourhood on a windy day. He feels the contractor should be responsible for picking up what they can, or that neighbouring residents should be able to put it in all one bag or blue box without it affecting the quota of a household.

"I believe the citizens try to do their very best, but inevitably the items get dispersed throughout the surrounding area...and it adds to our litter problem," said Shular.

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Noyes' parkland motion defeated by council

➤ Majority of council feels re-zoning should be considered after OMB hearing

Kris Dubé
The Times

Ward 6 Coun. Ann-Marie Noyes wants the lands at the Bay Beach properties that aren't included in the Molinaro Group's development at the site to be designated as parkland...but the majority of council feels it is too early to make that step.

At Monday's council meeting, the Stevestonville councillor presented this idea through a motion to the rest of the local government, but was only given support from Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley when it was time to vote on the motion.

Noyes, who opposes the Town's private-public partnership with the Burlington-based developer to build a

12-storey condo building on the south side of Erie Road, feels designating the remaining portions of land as parkland is the appropriate step to take, assuring residents who feel public access to the beach will be limited with further development once the project is finished that the local government is taking measures to show that isn't the case.

"I think it's time to reassure the residents of Crystal Beach and the rest of Fort Erie that further development, in regards to other condos, is not in the game plan," she said.

"It's an opportunity for this council to be proactive for the future of this property," she added.

Martha Lockwood, councillor for the Crystal Beach area said re-zoning the remaining lands is not appropriate at this time but she does support the idea. She feels waiting until a hearing from the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) has started and concluded would be a better route to

“**I don't understand how this would be a stalling tactic, it actually specifies it has nothing to do with the Molinaro project.”**

— Ann-Marie Noyes

take when considering whether or not to make changes to the land's zoning.

In her opinion, she feels Noyes has some kind of hidden agenda by bringing this forward, considering she has been rather vocal about her concerns with this development.

"I look at this as a stall tactic because Coun. Noyes

doesn't like the direction this matter has gone in and is trying to thwart it at every possible turn," said Lockwood.

Noyes disagreed with Lockwood's comments, saying that she realizes zoning this land as parkland would not have any impact on the development since it has already been approved at the municipal level and that it is too late to reverse any decisions.

"I don't understand how this would be a stalling tactic, it actually specifies it has nothing to do with the Molinaro project," said Noyes.

Rino Mostacck, the Town's director of community and development services said this is not the only opportunity for council to rezone the property that is a n't included in the

condo development and agrees waiting until the OMB hearing, which is expected to commence in the Fall, is proper practice.

"That will be the appropriate time to look at what the future zoning is at a holistic level," said Mostacck.

Ward 3 Coun. Bob Steckley said moving forward with Noyes' motion would set the precedent for not allowing any further development to take place on the lands being discussed and prove to the community that public access will not be restricted.

"I think if we re-zone this tonight, it will allow us to put actions to words from what we said around the table when this issue was before

us," said Steckley referring to comments made by councillors who support the development about the beach, still remaining in public hands.

Mayor Martin said he supports the idea in merit, but approving this without any public notice contradicts policies within the planning act. He said designating the lands not included in the development as parkland has been the plan all along, but council needs to be patient with any decision relating to it.

"If we don't support this tonight, we're going to be seen as not supportive of making it parkland, which is the furthest thing from the truth," said Martin.

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Hudak visits hometown to address health care issues

Ontario PC leader says he will restore emergency room if elected in 2011

Kris Dubé
The Times

Tim Hudak continues to voice his concern over the Liberal government's model of health care, saying that if he is elected premier in the next election, the Fort Erie community will have its 24-hour emergency room returned.

On Thursday, the leader of the official opposition and Fort Erie native addressed a crowd of about 60 on the front lawn of the Niagara Health System's Douglas Memorial Hospital, which was converted into an urgent care centre in September last year.

"Having grown up here and

having been born at Douglas Memorial Hospital, I can say with absolute certainty that the hospital you see behind me is the heart and soul of our community," said Hudak.

In 2006, the provincial government and the ministry of health and long-term care created 14 Local Health Integration Network (LHINs), non-profit organizations designed to work with communities and local health providers to determine service priorities. Hudak feels the LHINs have not done this, saying a new structure for the delivery of health care services needs to be implemented.

"There is nothing local about the LHINs," he said.

"Fort Erie families living under the constant threat of frontline health care cuts deserve better from their government. We cannot afford to waste valuable health care dollars on needless bureau-

cracy. Dalton McGuinty's LHIN model is broken and has to go."

In his comments at the site on Bertie Street, Hudak pointed out that the number of people making \$100,000 a year or more at the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN has doubled to 56 individuals since its inception four years ago. Since 2006, the LHIN's chief executive officer has been given \$53,000 in wage increases, for a salary of \$289,000 per year.

"In total, \$13 million in health care dollars has been diverted from front-line patient care for administration costs at the LHIN, who don't spend a single minute in front-line health care, helping patients," he said.

Niagara Falls MPP Kim Crotty said there are misconceptions about what the LHIN does and people need to be aware of the wide variety of agencies funded by them

such as different long-term homes and Meals on Wheels.

"The hospital file has been a real challenge...it's perceived that all the LHIN does," Crotty told the *Times* in a phone interview after returning from a meeting with

the minister of health and long-term care, also attended by mayor Doug Martin.

Hudak, who was Niagara's MPP when the Niagara Health System was conceived in 1999 and Crotty says his decision to move forward with amalga-

minating Niagara's hospitals is really what people should be criticizing.

"He'd stood up back then and said to the premier he doesn't like the idea of the NHS, he wouldn't be in this position."

Drugs seized at Peace Bridge

Canada Border Services Agency (CSA) announced today that its officers at the Peace Bridge seized over 50 kilograms of illegal drugs worth over \$600,000, in two separate instances.

On Apr. 21, officers working in the Peace Bridge's commercial operations examined a courier shipment declared as herbs. With the assistance of the contraband outfitted mobile examination truck, officers found 25 kilos of suspected "doda," worth

\$50,000.

Doda is an addictive opiate derived from dried poppy flowers. All substances containing opium poppy are prohibited from entering Canada under the controlled drugs and substances act.

In a separate incident, a male from Massachusetts was referred to a secondary examination at the Peace Bridge on Apr. 22, in the trunk of his vehicle, CSA officers discovered three celophane-wrapped packages inside a hockey bag. In total, officers seized over 25 kilograms of suspected marijuana with an estimated value of \$540,000.

"Thanks to the outstanding co-operation between

law enforcement agencies, these suspected illegal narcotics have been prevented from reaching our streets," said Vic Toews, minister of public safety.

"I commend the efforts of the CSA in working to keep our communities safe. This government is committed to giving law enforcement the tools they need to stop illegal drugs from crossing our border," he added.

The doda seizure is the largest of its kind at the Peace Bridge and the marijuana seizure is the second largest for the area.

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Firefighters honoured at annual awards banquet

➤ 20th annual Fort Erie Fire Department awards showcase the dedication of volunteers

Matt Day
The Times

The Leisureplex Banquet Hall was one of the safest places to be in Fort Erie last Saturday night.

The Fort Erie Fire Department's 20th annual awards banquet took place all night with every volunteer firefighter in attendance, along with their trucks parked outside.

The night was meant to celebrate all of the hard work Fort Erie's finest do for the community both on duty and off.

This was the first awards ceremony for fire chief Larry Coplen who took over from long-standing chief Jim Douglas last August.

He said this is the first time he's been a part of such an event, even after serving as Thorold's fire chief for 27 years.

"We just simply didn't have enough room for it in our budget there. An awards ceremony like this should happen in every community though because the firefighters are a vital part to each and every town."

The night began with some socializing followed by a catered dinner and reception.

But the real excitement came with the announcement of each award being given out during the evening.

Municipal awards were given out for years of service, with those who have dedicated more than 20 years of their life to the fire

department, earning provincial and federal awards.

Winston Woehl was one of the firefighters who received a provincial award for his 35 years of service at Station No. 3.

He said being recognized for something he does voluntarily feels good knowing others appreciate all of the years he has devoted in helping keep Fort Erie safe.

"It was a nice feeling. Thirty-five years at any place is a long time," he laughed. "But it feels good giving back to my hometown community. There are the not-so good times of course, but overall it's been enjoyable and I've met a lot of good people."

Coplen said the fact every member is a volunteer proves just how tightly knit the group is and does not mean the level of service provided is compromised.

"Coming in as the new guy, I was very impressed at the level of professionalism and skill that these firefighters have," he said. "Sometimes people think of volunteers as a lower level of service compared to career staff, however I find it to be the opposite."

Other award winners recognized at a provincial and federal level were station No. 1 members Carl Renshaw, Craig Hurren and Mark Frerotte and station No. 5 member Ken Dey who retired after 20 years.



Fire chief Larry Coplen, left, stands with mayor Doug Martin, right, awarding Winston Woehl with a plaque commemorating 35 years of service with the Fort Erie Fire Department.



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our editorial

No reason to not head down to the Racetrack

This will be a historic weekend in Fort Erie.

The Fort Erie Racetrack begins its 1119th season today and there should be a lot of excitement about this.

A few months ago, we didn't even know if the track would be a part of the community this year...and that would have been a real shame.

The Fort Erie Racetrack is what people from out of town identify our small town with.

If you find yourself in the Greater Toronto Area and strike up a conversation with someone who knows where Fort Erie is, it's usually because they've been to the

Racetrack, or at least heard of it.

This weekend is an opportunity for people to show pride in their community, by heading down to the track for the opening day of races.

Whether you feel like placing a bet or not, there is no reason why you can't take an hour to at least watch a few races, while showing appreciation for one of the facilities this town was built on.

We hope to see all of you there...unless you have employment obligations. You're off the hook if that's the case.

-Kris Dubé



Do You Remember?

Thank you to Debbie Blais (Gill) and Cheryl Laur (Taylor) who helped identify last week's photo of the girls softball team sponsored by Don Simmons' Sports. The photo was taken in 1981 at Oakes Park after they won the consolation prize. Debbie remembers that they "got best pretty bad". In the back row from left to right are Tammy Bremner, Debbie Gill, Kim Murphy, Corey Ruch, unknown, coach Jim Lee

and Sheila St. Germaine. In the middle row from left to right are coach Sharon Ellis, Gail, Pierette Buklis, Laura Beggins, and Brenda Taylor. In the front row from left to right are Carrie Sayles, Eileen Fulton (Jones) and Cheryl Taylor.

Jim Burnett phoned with an update about the previous photo of the men with the golf trophies. He identified golfers Jerry Yager (fourth from left) and

George Keenan (fifth from left). Both these men worked at the Avondale Dairy. Mr. Barrett however does not think Givrie Fretz is in the picture.

This week's photo of two older girls helping a little one get a drink is adorable. If anyone knows who the girls are or where this fountain was please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322 or send us an email at museum.forterie.on.ca.

Reporter going through 'quarter-life crisis'



Matt Day
Reporter's Notebook

Why must the most talked about crisis come to a person mid-life?

In 25 years from now, I don't want to all of a sudden have a revelation and go sky diving or buy a motorcycle because I never had the opportunity to do so at a younger age.

We hear all too much about people going out

and making "silly" purchases later on in life to make up for lost time or to experience life to its fullest, but the best time to do anything is right now, no matter what you're age. By continually putting things off, eventually it will be too late to do anything.

Although it's called a mid-life crisis, I feel as if I have been going through one, lately, and since I don't plan on kicking the bucket at the age of 44, I'm referring to mine as a quarter-life crisis.

Recently, my friends and I booked a vacation to Cuba. This will be my

second time going and I am much more excited this time around. The reason I went last year was to photograph a wedding, so even though I was in a tropical paradise for seven days, the thought of work never really left my mind.

This time will be different. I want to take full advantage of my vacation by swimming with the dolphins, snorkeling in the ocean, seeing another culture and most importantly relaxing with my closest friends, drinks firmly placed in hand(s).

I realize people go on vacations all the time, but

for me, the experience is still new.

Maybe that's why I'm thinking I'm going through a quarter-life crisis.

I'll be starting to look for new places to live upon coming back home to Fort Erie at the end of May, and it seems all of my friends' lives are moving full steam ahead.

So, yes, I'm going to start experiencing life and doing all the things I want to do at a young age and there are many reasons why.

For one thing, I will be able to have two more crises before kicking the

bucket which gives me a good excuse to make some even more far-fetched purchases later on in life.

If - actually, when is a better word - I go skydiving, I don't want to worry about my false teeth falling out. And I want to be able to hike through an unknown forest and not have to worry about my knees giving out.

There are plenty more reasons why to have your mid-life crisis at an early age, but I think I've got my point across.

The real message here though is to not wait until it's too late to do the

things you want to do. Even if you are older than me and your definition of fun differs from mine, the best time to do that thing you've always wanted to do is right now.

So after you're done reading this paper, I challenge you to begin planning something you've never done before.

After all, what better way to start the rest of your life than on a Saturday.

If you would like to leave me feedback, you can call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 208 or send me an email at mday@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

'Nice guys finish last,' says reader

Dear Editor,

Forgive me if I refrain from joining some people in their praise of our Liberal MP, for standing up for his constituents' as he 'disagrees' with his own government over their scandalous spending habits and the incompetence they have shown in endorsing the LHIN's. There is a familiar phrase that says nice guys finish last, and certainly in our communities case, that point has been well illustrated. For Mr. Craitor, only time will tell.

But I'm inclined to believe that voters aren't as gullible as Mr. Craitor thinks they are. Frankly, I find it rather disingenuous that Mr. Craitor can drape himself in

the Liberal flag come election time or during those well timed photo ops, but at the first sign of trouble or a contentious issue... disavow, disown and distance yourself from your own Liberal Party. Perhaps Mr. Craitor needs a refresher course in our electoral process. Like most, I didn't vote for the 'really good guy' on the ballot but rather the political party with the best laid out policies and the best laid out plan for the health and prosperity of our Communities. I'm sure Mr. Craitor is a 'really good guy'.

But how that is relevant as he continues to fan the flames of discontent and distrust within his own Liberal Party is beyond comprehension!

If doing the right thing is most what you're concerned about Mr. Craitor, then I would suggest in that vein, step down so you can devote more time towards your efforts in being liked.

At this point that seems to be the only thing you're concerned about.

As the weight of ahsent leadership continues to grow heavier and heavier around the collective necks of those communities you've been entrusted to serve, I suppose we can all take comfort in knowing we all drowned with a 'really good guy'.

May Thompson
Fort Erie

The TIMES Asks

Considering the value of the Canadian dollar, do you travel to the United States to shop?



Lori Bird



Clayton Solomon



Lynn Viola



Heather Stapleton

"No, I don't. I like to support the Canadian economy."

"It's not worth the aggravation of crossing the border."

"I like to shop locally, mostly because it's a lot easier."

"Not anymore than I normally do. I wouldn't stop going if it was lower or higher."

What do you think?

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Health care cuts taking place in wrong departments

Dear Editor,

This week, the Ontario Health Coalition put out a notice regarding cuts to the Northumberland Hills Hospital and told of a 4,600 signature petition being delivered to the Legislature.

Sound familiar? We had more than that show up for a Town Hall meeting when Dr. Kitts came, to hear the pleas for help from the people of Fort Erie.

He certainly did nothing to stop the closures and cuts to our health care.

They fell on deaf ears,

and to likely add insult to injury, we likely had to pay his expenses and per diem to get him here and in 2009 he was on the Sunshine list as making \$663,566.78 plus \$61,951.62 in taxable benefits.

Gone are the days when people did things because they were doing it out of the goodness of their heart, as a volunteer without remuneration.

There are still some unpaid volunteers out there, but when they receive per diem payments of, up to and over, \$350.00 to attend events, as some of our LHIN members do,

then that changes their status to paid employees.

The really unfortunate part of this, other than the hospital cuts in beds and services, thus denying the residents of Ontario their rights to accessible health care, is that fact that in order to change anything the government will lodge studies and appoint new highly paid committees to study how it should be done.

Thousands of dollars added to our already defunct health care budget that is already going into paying exorbitant wages for bureaucrats within the sys-

tem instead of into health care.

What financial expert or accountant would encourage their client, in this case our government, to keep spending large amounts of money on failing committees, paying high per diems to "volunteer" board committee members, keeping overpaid staff on payroll, and spending for premium advertising and events?

If it was your household wouldn't you lower your losses by cutting out the extras and all unnecessary spending?

Not so with our government and their appointed

committees, who just keeps adding on more and more debt and raising their own salaries. Our once strong country is now owned by those holding our debts, like finance companies hold the properties and lives of those who fell into the trap.

We need a government who is able to stop this insanity and go back to basics to get us out of financial ruin and bankruptcy.

How can we rely on a government agency that thinks they can fix the health care issue by taking away 2000 nursing posi-

tions in Ontario in the past 12 months and what about the other positions such as maintenance, housekeeping, food preparation, clerical. All of these positions along with lab, pharmacy, medical records, and x-ray are what makes hospitals work.

Let's put the heart and caring back into our health care and take away the greed and idioy.

Joy Russell
Yellow Shirt Brigade

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PUBLIC NOTICE

- (1) **MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2010**
NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE
COMMENCING JAN. 4, 2010 AND ENDING SEPTE. 10, 2010
Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended

NOTICE is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Town of Fort Erie that Nominations for the following offices may be made by completing and filing in the Office of the Clerk, nominations in the prescribed form.

Mayor (1 to be elected)

Regional Councillor (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 1 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 2 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 3 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 4 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 5 (1 to be elected)

Councillor Ward 6 (1 to be elected)

District School Board of Niagara Trustee (English Language) –

(1 to be elected for combined area of Fort Erie and Port Colborne)

Niagara Catholic District School Board Trustee (English Language) –

(1 to be elected for combined area of Fort Erie, Port Colborne and Wainfleet)

Conseil scolaire de district du centre-ouest (French Language)

Conseil scolaire de district catholique centre-ouest (French Language)

A nomination form must be signed by the candidate and may be filed with the Clerk in person or by email between January 4, 2010 and before September 10, 2010, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or on **Nomination Day, September 10, 2010, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** The prescribed nomination filing fee of \$200 for Mayor and \$100 for Council Member and School Trustee, must accompany the nomination form. Ballot card, certified cheque or money order. The nomination form. The nomination form by the Clerk before any person becomes a certified candidate for the office in which he or she is nominated. Candidates for Fort School Board Trustees must file the nomination form with the Clerk of the City of Welland.

A candidate must be registered by filing the nomination form and fee prior to expending any funds on a campaign or accepting any contributions.

Please direct all enquiries to: info@forterie.on.ca or by email to: info@forterie.on.ca or by phone to: 905-871-1600.

DATED AT FORT ERIE this 1st day of May, 2010.

Carolyn J. Kett, A.M.C.T.
Town Clerk/Returning Officer
Town of Fort Erie
905-871-1600, Ext. 2211
email: ckett@forterie.on.ca

- (2) **CORPORATION MUNICIPALE DE LA VILLE DE FORT ERIE**
ELECTIONS MUNICIPALES 2010
NOMINATION POUR LES BUREAUX
Les élections municipales comme modifiées en 1996

NOTIFICATION est par le présente donnée aux électeurs municipaux de la Ville de Fort Erie que des nominations pour les fonctions suivantes peuvent être faites en complétant et enregistrant les nominations sous le formulaire prescrit au Bureau du Comité de la Ville.

Maire (1 à être élu)

Conseiller régional (1 à être élu)

Conseiller District No. 1 (1 à être élu)

Conseiller District No. 2 (1 à être élu)

Conseiller District No. 3 (1 à être élu)

Conseiller District No. 4 (1 à être élu)

Conseiller District No. 5 (1 à être élu)

Conseiller District No. 6 (1 à être élu)

Conseil scolaire Niagara (anglais)

(1 représentant pour la zone combinée Fort Erie et Port Colborne)

Conseil scolaire catholique pour Niagara (anglais)

(1 représentant pour la zone combinée Fort Erie, Port Colborne et Wainfleet)

Représentant pour le conseil scolaire de district du centre-ouest (français)

Représentant pour le conseil scolaire de district catholique centre-ouest (français)

Un formulaire de nomination doit être signé par le candidat et être enregistré avec le Comité de la Ville en personne ou par un représentant entre le 4 janvier, 2010 à 10 heures, 2010, entre les heures de 8 h 30 et 17 h 00 le jour de nomination, le 10 septembre, 2010, entre les heures de 9 h et 14 h 30. Les honoraires d'enregistrement de nomination, \$200 pour la fonction de Maire et \$100 pour les fonctions de Conseiller et Conseiller Scolaire, payables sous forme de chèque, par chèque certifié ou mandat, doivent accompagner le formulaire de nomination. Le formulaire de nomination doit être certifié par le Comité de la Ville avant que toute personne devienne un candidat certifié pour la fonction dans laquelle il ou elle est nommé(e). Les représentants français du Conseil Scolaire doivent enregistrer le formulaire de nomination avec le Comité de la Ville de Welland.

Un candidat doit enregistrer le formulaire et remettre les honoraires de nomination avant de dépenser des fonds sur une campagne ou de recevoir d'importants contributions.

L'information d'élection est disponible à www.forterie.on.ca. Veuillez diriger toutes les enquêtes vers l'Officier/Returning Officer.

DATED AT FORT ERIE on 1st day of May, 2010.

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Annual walk next Saturday

A woman whose leadership provided a clear and essential vision for the future of Crystal Beach will be honoured next weekend in a most fitting way.

Lorraine (Emond) Murphy chaired the Crystal Beach Improvement Area (CBIA) and the Friends

of Crystal Beach from 1995 to 2004. After a courageous battle with cancer, she passed away in 2005.

Sponsored by the Footsteps for Flowers Committee and the CBIA, the fourth annual Crystal Beach commemorative walk will take place next Saturday at 10 a.m.,

starting at fire station no. 6 in Crystal Beach.

Organizers are looking for people interested in participating by walking or through sponsoring the event.

Anyone interested can call Bob Steckley at (905) 871-7531, or Carolyn Kett at (905) 871-1600 ext. 2211.

Town receives slot revenues

The Town of Fort Erie received \$282,164 last week for hosting OLG Slots at the Fort Erie Racetrack.

The payment was for the host municipality's fourth quarter share of slot revenues.

To date, Fort Erie has received more than \$31 million in non-tax gaming revenue.

Payments are made on a quarterly basis, according to the government's fiscal year, which runs from April to

March.

In total, OLG issued more than \$17.1 million in fourth quarter non-tax gaming revenue payments to 23 municipalities that host OLG casinos and slots-atracetrack facilities.

Bring back bottles for a cause

For the entire month of May, residents are encouraged to bring their empty bottles to both the Fort Erie and Ridgeway Beer Stations for a good cause.

Every year, a bottle

drive for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society takes place for a month. On May 29 and 30, both locations will have games, prizes and possibly some local celebrities at events in their parking lot.

On these days, people are encouraged to make cash donations or donate their bottles for this generous cause.

All proceeds will go towards leukemia and lymphoma research.



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Region supports Parks Police as stand-alone force

Kris Dubé
The Times

The regional government has approved an application from the Niagara Parks Commission and the regional police board is agreeing on whether or not officers should be allowed to carry guns.

"We fully support the parks police, we just have to find a way to work this through the government... to make it work," said Martin.

The board also feels officers should be proficient in all aspects of policing like major crime and traffic investigations and granting them the right to carry arms is contradictory to Ontario's police act.

He also said it is important to keep the Niagara Parks Police in operation, because if it were to disband, the Niagara Regional Police would be given a lot more responsibility.

"If they abandon the Niagara Parks Police, their territory and responsibilities will have to be absorbed by the Niagara Regional Police," said Martin.

"The Parks Police, who has been in operation for 123 years has a special constable status, which applies to forces who patrol small, designated areas like campuses, public transit systems in bigger cities and in this case a tourist area.

With this status, officers are not permitted to carry firearms, something the Parks Police has been petitioning for.

Martin said one of the main conflicts between the police force oper-

ated by the Niagara Parks Commission and the regional police board is agreeing on whether or not officers should be allowed to carry guns.

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The first cut



Last Saturday was the grand opening of Magicuts in the International Gateway Plaza on Garrison Road. At the event were Matthew Abraham, left, Chamber of Commerce president Stephen Passero, mayor Doug Martin, manager Liz Abraham, and owner Abraham Matthew. For the entire month of May, \$10 hair cuts are being offered to customers.

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Balancing act



Sarah Watson, a grade four student at Ridgeway Public School, competed on Sunday and placed 18th in the province for her division, which is level five. This was her first provincial championships. Geena Gambin, a St. Philomena student, came seventh in her division and Lauren Ferguson, a RCBHS student, placed fourth overall.

On the parallels



Fort Erie resident Maggie Moore, of the Niagara Falls Lightning Gymnastics Club is the provincial silver medalist in uneven parallel bars, and tenth overall in Ontario in her division, after her first appearance at the provincial championships last weekend at Ridley College. Moore is a grade eight student at Rose Seaton Elementary.

Bricks & Bouquets

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Bouquet

To everyone who played a role in saving the Fort Erie Racetrack once again. Let's hope the opening weekend is well-attended.

Brick

To whoever stole my son's backpack from Sugarbowl Park recently. If a parent sees their child with a valuable DC brand bag, an iPod Touch and other items they know aren't theirs, ask them where they got them. They certainly didn't pay for them.

Bouquet

To Tim Hudak for saying he will re-open the emergency room at Douglas Memorial if he is elected premier of Ontario. That's a pretty bold statement...let's

hope he pulls it off.

Bouquet

To everyone at the Community Care Access Centre who has made my battle with cancer much easier. What a terrific agency this is.

Brick

To people who purposely increase the volume on their car stereos when at an intersection, hoping to impress other nearby motorists. Nobody wants to 'pump up the jam' but yourself.

Brick

To some guys and gals out there who love their motorcycles too much. I can imagine what it feels like, the open road, the fresh air, etc. But it is really necessary to engage the clutch and rev it every time you pass a pedestrian? We really don't just think it cool.

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Golf tourney on Aug. 30

In last week's Times, a story ran about the annual Dreams to Memories golf tournament at Bridgewater Golf and Country Club.

In the story, an incorrect date was given and the Times regrets the error.

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Niagara area residents are getting newly integrated Service Ontario centres and can access health card and driver and vehicle renewal services in one visit.

As of April 26, routine health card services are

now available at the Service Ontario centres located at 6100 Thorold Stone Rd. in Niagara Falls and 350B Waiden Blvd. in Fort Erie. Driver and vehicle registration services are already available at these locations.

On May 3, routine health

card services will also be added to existing driver and vehicle services at the Service Ontario centres located at 433 Butler Street in Niagara on the Lake, 30 Scott St., Unit 110 in St. Catharines and 216 King St. in Port Colborne.



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Motorists and the general public are hereby advised that Regional Road 122 (Thompson Road) will be temporarily closed to through traffic between Regional Road 21 (Bowen Road) and Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road) on Monday May 3, 2010 until Monday, May 31, 2010.

A detour route will be posted along Regional Road 21 (Phipps Street) to Regional Road 124 (Central Avenue) to Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road) for passenger vehicles.

Trucks exceeding a height of 3.70 metres on Regional Road 21 (Bowen Road) must use Pettit Road south to Regional Road 19 (Gilmore Road) as the CN railway bridge on Regional Road 122 (Thompson Road), north of Regional Road 21 (Bowen Road) has a maximum height restriction of 3.70 metres.

This amended closure is necessary to allow the contractor to continue placing pipe on Thompson Road southerly to Gilmore Road, as part of the ongoing Frenchman's Creek Sanitary Sewer and Foreman Project.

Any inquiries concerning this project may be directed to David Gianfrancesco, Gilsbore Contracting, cell number 800-451-4688.

The co-operation of the motoring public during this period of inconvenience will be appreciated.

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All claims against the estate of WILLIAM BRUNTON MOSMOM, late of the town of Fort Erie in the REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA, who died on or about the 10th day of April, 2010, must be filed with the undersigned Estate Trustees on or before the 21st day of May, 2010, thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the said estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

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DATED at Fort Erie, this 22nd day of April, 2010.
Calvin Hill, Estate Trustee, by his Solicitors,
HAGAN & McDOWELL
29 Jarvis Street, P.O. Box 68
Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 5M6
905-871-4440

LEGAL NOTICE
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DATED the 15th day of April, 2010.
JOHN T. TEAL, Esq.,
Barrister and Solicitor
P.O. Box 247, 253 Niagara Boulevard,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 5M6
Solicitor for the Estate Trustee
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DR. SUSAN HALL
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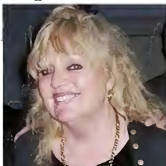
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We think of you in silence,
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All we have is memories
and a picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake,
from which we'll never part.
God has you in His keeping,
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Deeply loved, sadly missed
and never forgotten.
Remembering you with the birthday,
Your loving family,
Walter, Jennifer, Monica, Janet and Dakota*

*The is no death! The stars go down
to rise upon some farther shore,
And bright in Heaven's Jewelled crown,
They shine forever more.*

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BULLOCK, Albert (Sonny) - After a difficult battle, Sonny passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Saturday April 24th, 2010 in his 77th year. Loving husband of the late Jean (nee House). Proud father to Daniel (Shelia), Mark, and Tammy (Mike) Cadieux. Cherished grandfather of Lindsay, Colin, Christie, Brooke, Deanna, Ashley, Kelly and John and great grandfather of Jordan. Also survived by sisters Letia Leslie, Evelyn Lichtenberger, Ann McDermid, Jean Luckie, Margaret Barrick and Hazel Williams. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends Tuesday from 5-8. Funeral Services were held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Wednesday at 11 a.m. interment followed in Emmanuel Lutheran (Beach) Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences at www.bennerfuneralservices.com

CLAUDE JEAN ROY, 1947-2010
Formerly of Fort Erie. Claude is survived by his wife, Donna (McGue) Roy, his children, Sara, Belong (John), Fredrickton and Darin (Lisa), Lower Queensbury, two grandchildren, Amber and Josh; two brothers, Robert Roy (Beaverly), Fort Erie, ON and Ron Roy, Nackawic, Fort Erie, NS; Marianne McCooey (Ed), Theresa Roy (Bob), Nora Mathewson (Larry), all of Fort Erie, ON and Claudette Minnick (Graig), Cambridge, ON; sister-in-law, Sharon Chahley (Wayne), Cathy Corey (Randy), both of Haltham, NS, Joan Hawkins, Nackawic, Smimton Roy, Hamilton, ON and Jean Roy, Fort Erie, ON; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Victor and Laura (Boudreau) Roy, Claude was predeceased by sisters, Catherine, Michael, Cecile Roy and Lorraine Roy; brothers, Fernand, Hector and Norman Roy; a brother-in-law, Raymond Michaud and a sister-in-law, Carolyn Roy.

Deaths



CURRIE, Winnifred Mary (nee Whelan)
Born on May 12, 1925 in Lundbreck, Alberta, passed away peacefully on April 17, 2010. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald Angus Currie, and is survived by her sisters, Doris Chawin and Geri Galt; her children, Valerie and Earle Newman, Hugh and Leanne Currie, Don and Sandra Currie, Janice and Dan Coates, Bob and Laurie Currie; her grandchildren, Paul, David, Kristine, Michael, Jeremy, Nicholas, Alysha, Tianna, Chelsea, Emma, and Julian; and her great-grandchildren, Jacob, Jenna, Aurora, Matthew, Jaden, and Jaime. Our Mother, Gran, Great-Granny and Sister will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. She brought joy and laughter into our hearts and homes. Her love of music, dancing and playing cards has been passed on throughout the generations - watch out for her great-grandchildren, they've inherited her winning abilities. God has taken her into his arms but she will forever live on in our hearts. There is one more angel in heaven and one more star in the sky - you will never be forgotten. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Luke's Parish, 2028 S. Dewdney Trunk Rd., Maple Ridge, BC on Friday, May 7, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to your preferred charity.

For her, life more abundant,
For us, a guiding star.

Memoriam Verse #42
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We cannot, Lord, Thy purpose see,
Save all is well that's done by Thee.

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Deaths

MACQUEEN, Delina - On Monday April 19, 2010 Delina passed away peacefully at the Greater Niagara General Hospital at the age of 89 years. Beloved wife of the late Colin (Scotty) MacQueen. Cherished mother of The Reverend Karen MacQueen and Delaine (Eric) Kowal and the late Paul and the late Colin Grant. Loving Nana of Melanie, Jamie (Steve) and Joshua also beloved Nana of Carolina, Ronda Jr. and Carla and great-grandmother of Colin and Gary. She will be sadly missed by her sister and several nieces and nephews. A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Kevin's Church, 307 Niagara Street, Welland on Tuesday May 4, 2010 at 10 o'clock. File of Committal will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Welland. Memorial Donations in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation through The WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 722 Ridge Road North, Ridgeway, Ontario. On-line guest register at www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.

ST. LOUIS, Ruby - In loving memory of Ruby St. Louis who passed away suddenly April 24th, 2010.
God looked around His garden and He found an empty place, then He looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face. He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest, God's promises must be beautiful. He always takes the best.
You've left us precious memories, your love will be our guide, you live on through your loved ones, you're always by our side. It broke our hearts to know you, but we don't go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Grandma - I love you so much, you were always so good to me and we had a lot of good times. I will always have those memories of you, and I won't ever forget you. I wish you weren't sick, and would be here to watch me grow, but I know you will be there in my heart and in spirit. I love you more than you know
Candice

Always loved, never forgotten by son Wayne, Granddaughter Candice, niece Florence and the O'Hara Family. Thank you to Dr. Scher and the wonderful staff of Douglas Memorial Hospital. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Berner Ave. Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements.

TRYPH, Norma - Passed away peacefully with her family at her side on Monday, April 26, 2010 in her 77th year at York Centre Hospital. Norma, beloved wife of Philip. Loving mother of Brenda; Tracy; Kim; Dennis and Phillip's 3 children. Granny will be lovingly remembered by her 13 grandchildren. Friends may call at the THOMPSON FUNERAL HOME, 530 Industrial Parkway South (at the southeast corner of Industrial Pkwy S and Yonge), Aurora 905-727-5421 from 12 noon Monday, May 3rd until the time of the service and committal in the Chapel at 11 a.m. Cremation. Flowers gratefully declined, donations to the Alzheimer Society or the Arthritis Society would be appreciated. On line tributes may be left at www.thompson-aurora.com

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Until the day breaks,
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Tickets still available for event

Tickets are still available for a Fort Erie fundraiser next month to raise funds to help those with disabilities get a guide dog.

Fort Erie resident Robert Parker began organizing the

fundraiser earlier this year. The 44-year-old man died in his sleep in March.

The fundraiser, to be held at the Leisureplex May 8 at 5:30 p.m., will now be in Parker's memory.

It will include dinner, dance and live entertainment.

Tickets to the Let's Make It Happen Dinner & Dance are \$25. For more information, call 905-871-6896.

Charity garage sale on Saturday

Next Saturday is an opportunity for local residents to buy some quality used items...all for a good cause. At The Placé Restaurant

and Bar on Garrison Road, starting at 8 a.m. there will be a garage sale to benefit the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

If you would like to donate items or to acquire more information, call (905) 871-8722. The event will wrap up around 2 p.m.

NOTICE OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ONTARIO MONEY MART CLASS ACTION

Read this notice carefully as it may affect your rights.

This notice was approved by the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

This notice is directed to all persons ("Settlement Class Members") who received a fast cash advance or payday loan from a Money Mart store in Ontario between August 19, 1997 and December 16, 2009 which was repaid by a first party personal cheque delivered on the day the loan was obtained provided such cheque was honoured by the bank ("Eligible Fast Cash Advance Transaction").

On March 3, 2010, the court approved the settlement of this class action. The settlement is a compromise of disputed claims. The defendants do not admit any wrongdoing or liability.

The Settlement Class includes persons who moved out of the Province of Ontario before September 10, 2007 ("Non-Resident Class Members"). There is a certified class action in British Columbia that has settled subject to court approval and there are unincertified class actions in Alberta, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland. Non-Resident Class Members should consider whether they wish to participate in this settlement or in a class action in one of the other provinces.

SUMMARY OF SETTLEMENT TERMS

Money Mart will provide settlement benefits summarized as follows.

The Settlement Class is divided into two groups: (a) the debt forgiveness group and (b) the transaction credit group.

Debt Forgiveness and Credit Rehabilitation

Money Mart will forgive 100% of all debts owed to it by debt forgiveness group members which were incurred on or before April 30, 2009 which were still outstanding on December 31, 2009, valued at \$56,389,071. Thereafter those debt forgiveness group members may use all of the products and services available at Money Mart stores, subject to normal qualification criteria. Debt forgiveness group members will not receive transaction credits or cash credits.

Transaction Credits

Each transaction credit group member will be allocated the greater of \$25 in transaction credits or his or her pro rata share of \$30 million in transaction credits calculated on the total of that person's cheque cashing fees on Eligible Fast Cash Advance Transactions to the total cheque cashing fees paid by all transaction credit group members for all their Eligible Fast Cash Advance Transactions.

Fully transferable transaction credits will be issued in \$5 increments and will expire on April 2, 2014. They will be usable in all Money Mart locations across Canada, except stores located in the province of Quebec, for all Money Mart transactions except wire transfers, foreign exchange and money orders. A single \$5 transaction credit may be used per transaction, except for income tax preparation services in which case five \$5 transaction credits (\$25) may be used.

After April 2, 2014 any unused transaction credits will be applied for the benefit of Money Mart customers as a credit against Money Mart's usual and ordinary rate for a payday loan, in an amount and manner to be determined by the court, until the remaining credits are all used up.

Cash/Cash Credits

The sum of \$27.5 million in cash will be paid in instalments on and before July 15, 2011, with interest.

Cash counsel fees are a first charge against the cash payment. The court approved cash counsel fees in the amount of \$14.5 million, leaving \$13 million (less the 10% payable to the Class Proceedings Fund) for distribution as cash credits. Cash counsel have appealed the amount awarded to them for fees and have asked the Court of Appeal to increase the fees to an all inclusive amount of \$20 million. If they are successful, the amount available for distribution as cash credits will be reduced.

Transaction credit group members will be allocated a pro rata share of the remaining cash as a cash credit calculated on the total of that person's cheque cashing fees on Eligible Fast Cash Advance Transactions to the total cheque cashing fees paid by all transaction credit group members for all their Eligible Fast Cash Advance Transactions, provided his or her pro rata share as calculated is equal to or exceeds \$10. If his or her pro rata share is less than \$10, no cash credit will be allocated. The cash credits allocated to transaction credit group members will be paid on or after July 15, 2011.

Money Mart will pay any unpaid and/or unallocated cash credits and all accrued interest, *cy pres* to The Law Foundation of Ontario to fund grants in support of access to justice in Ontario.

Class Proceedings Fund

The plaintiffs received financial support for the action from the Class Proceedings Fund. As a result, Money Mart will pay the Class Proceedings Fund \$3 million plus 10% of the cash remaining after payment of class counsel fees.

Administration Expenses

Money Mart will pay the costs of administration, including notice, distribution of settlement benefits, independent auditing and reporting to the court.

DO NOTHING IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT

Settlement Class Members are automatically included in the settlement and need not do anything at this time to indicate that they wish to participate in the settlement. Settlement Class Members will release all claims against the defendants in respect of the charges on Eligible Fast Cash Advance Transactions in Money Mart stores in Ontario but not for such transactions in Money Mart stores located outside of Ontario.

SOME SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPT OUT IF THEY DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT

Settlement Class Members who entered into their first Eligible Fast Cash Advance between September 10, 2007 and December 16, 2009 or who are Non-Resident Class Members and do not wish to participate in the settlement must opt out or exclude themselves from the action. If you wish to opt out, send the Request for Exclusion form at the bottom of this notice or obtain a Request for Exclusion form from any Ontario Money Mart location or from www.moneymartclassaction.com. You must send the signed Request for Exclusion form on or before 5:00 p.m. E.T. on June 1, 2010 to McCarthy Tétrault LLP, Attention: John P. Brown, by pre-paid mail or courier, at P.O. Box 46, Suite 6300, Toronto Dominion Bank Tower, Toronto, ON M5X 1C6 or send an email to jbrown@mcCarthy.com with the form attached.

Persons who opt out of the class action will not be entitled to participate in the class action or the settlement. Their right to pursue a claim in a separate proceeding will not be affected. Each person who opts out will not receive any benefit from the settlement. No person will be permitted to opt out after June 1, 2010 at 5:00 E.T.

For BC residents, if you opt out of this settlement, your claims in relation to your Ontario loans may proceed in the class proceeding in BC which has settled subject to court approval. If you do not opt out of this settlement, you will have no right to make any claim in the BC class proceeding concerning your Ontario loans.

SETTLEMENT INFORMATION AND INFORMATION ON OBTAINING SETTLEMENT BENEFITS

After April 2, 2010 Money Mart will directly advise the debt forgiveness group about the release of debt. Information on other settlement benefits may be obtained by phoning 1-866-366-3229 or visiting the web site www.moneymart.ca or attending at a Money Mart store anywhere in Canada.

Detailed information about the settlement and how to obtain settlement benefits is available on the web sites at www.moneymart-ru.ca and www.moneymartclassaction.com or may be obtained by calling 1-866-366-3229.

Questions for class counsel should be directed to: Suits, Shroobregg LLP 600-251 Goyens Street, Windsor ON N9A 6V4, Tel.: 1-866-366-3229 (toll free), Fax: 1-866-315-5308 (toll free), E-mail: moneymartclassaction@shroobregg.com.

Any questions about the matters in this notice should NOT be directed to the court because its administrative structure is not designed to address this type of inquiry.

This notice is a summary of the terms of the Approved Order. If there is any conflict between the provisions of this notice and the terms of that order, the order shall prevail.

REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION

I do not want to be included in the Ontario class action against Money Mart and Dollar Financial. I want to opt out (be excluded from) this class action. My information is as follows:

Print Name: _____ Postal Code: _____
Date of birth: _____ Telephone: _____
Address: _____ Email address: _____
City: _____ Signature: _____
Province: _____ Date: _____

Note: This form should only be used by customers of Money Mart stores in Ontario who:
a) entered into their first fast cash advance and/or payday loan on or after September 10, 2007, entered into a first fast cash advance and/or payday loan and repaid it by a first party personal cheque and moved from Ontario before September 10, 2007. If so, you must complete the following declaration for your request for exclusion to be effective. I moved out of Ontario on _____

By signing this form I certify that the information provided herein is true and is made as if sworn under oath.

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